

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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The Kenyan shilling weakened slightly on Monday on demand for dollars from energy importers and foreign-owned firms looking to pay dividends to overseas shareholders.

International Markets

- Asia's shares pared losses on Tuesday as China's economy recorded a stronger-than-expected recovery from punishing pandemic lockdowns last year that led to a major slowdown.
- Oil prices held steady in early trading on Tuesday after falling 2% in the previous session, with markets awaiting the release of economic data in China, looking for signs of economic recovery and growth to offset weakening demand elsewhere.

USD: Most Asian currencies moved in a flat-to-low range on Tuesday as growing concerns over the path of U.S. monetary policy kept traders wary of risk-driven assets, while stronger-than-expected Chinese economic data did little to improve sentiment.

GBP: GBP/USD trends water after two-day downtrend, sidelined of late. UK Employment Change for March, ILO Unemployment Rate for three months to February will be crucial for fresh impulse. Broad US Dollar rebound joins downbeat forecasts for British job data to weigh on Cable price. Risk catalysts, Fed, BoE talks also eyed for clear directions. GBP/USD remains sidelined around 1.2380 amid early Tuesday's sluggish session, snapping a two-day downtrend ahead of the key UK jobs report. Even so, the latest hawkish concerns surrounding the Federal Reserve (Fed), versus likely downbeat job figures from Britain, keeps the bears hopeful.

EUR: EUR/USD picks up bids to refresh intraday high, snaps two-day downtrend amid sluggish session. US Treasury bond yields, Dollar Index struggle to defend latest recovery ahead of active economic calendar. Hawkish Fed bets, ECB policymakers' indecision keep Euro bull's hopeful. Eurozone, German ZEW sentiment data, US housing numbers to direct intraday moves. EUR/USD renews its intraday high around 1.0940 while licking its wounds amid early Tuesday morning in Europe. In doing so, the Euro pair prints the first daily gains in three by recovering from the lowest levels in a week.

INR: USD/INR struggles to extend two-day rebound from the lowest levels in 11 weeks. One-month-old descending resistance line, 200-SMA challenge Indian Rupee sellers. Multiple bottoms around 81.50, bullish MACD signals keep pair buyer's hopeful. USD/INR bulls prod the short-term key hurdles while trying to defend the latest recovery from a multi-day low during early Tuesday. In doing so, the Indian Rupee (INR) pair grinds higher around the 82.00 threshold after rising in the last two consecutive days.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	133.30	136.00			
GBP/KES	164.10	168.80	GBP/USD	1.2425	1.2455
EUR/KES	144.90	149.50	EUR/USD	1.0985	1.1025
INR/KES		1.6700	AUD/USD	0.6755	0.6745
			USD/INR	81.75	81.25
			Commodities		
			Gold	1999	2006
			Brent Crude	84.91	86.30

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	10.072%	10.004%
182 Days	10.428%	10.368%
364 Days	10.932%	10.857%

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